Development Committees followed by Sub-Divisional Committees, setting up of Village Defence Organisation holding of Panchayat elections and consultation with Opposition Parties on Punjab.

Newsitem captioned 'Shocking notices on houses'

3459. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Shocking notices on houses' which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' of the 7th March, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Municipal Corporation has proposed to revise the annual rateable value of two bed room DDA flats in Saket from about Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 43,200;

(c) if so, what are the reasons and the basis of calculation of such proposed increase; and

(d) whether the paying capacity of the house-owners has been kept in mind while proposing such increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) Coming into force of the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1988 resulted in revision of rateable value and general tax leviable by local bodies in a large number of properties. Local bodies having jurisdiction started issue of notices proposing revision of assessment, as per provision of the relevant laws. Such notices were issued in respect of some DDA flats in Saket also.

Revision in rateable value to Rs. 43,200 in the DDA flats at Saket was based on factors like prevalent rent, additions made in the flats, anticipated rent on first letting etc., as per the provisions of law.

Appreciating various difficulties including the shortage of time available for detailed survey and scrutiny that is nesessary for issue of well founded notices for revision of assessment, a Mill seeking *inter alia*, further two years time for revision of assessment has been brought before the Parliament.

Nationalisation of Laxminaraian and Athertion West Cotton Mills

3460. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Parliament had passed an Act in 1976 for taking over the management of the Laxminarain and Atherton West Cotton Mills pending nationalisation;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken steps to nationalise the mills as logical conclusion of the Act, if not, what are the reasons thereof;

(c) whether strength of workers in these mills has been reduced during the past 10 years, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that no controlled cloth is produced in these mills despite the preamble of the Act saying so, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The management of the Laxmirattan and Atherton West Cotton Mills was taken over by the Central Government under the provisions of the Laxmirattan and Atherton West Cotton Mills (Taking Over of Management) Act, 1976.

(b) On account of various reasons, the Government have not taken steps to nationalise these two mills.

(c) Due to normal superanuation/ voluntary resignations by the workers, there has been a nominal reduction in the strength of workers of these two mills.

(d) No, Sir. Both the mills have been producing controlled cloth.